

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Original): A fragrance assembly for a liquid candle comprising:
a receptacle comprising a perimeter wall; and
a fragrant polymeric element disposed within the receptacle, wherein a first surface of said fragrant polymeric element is in substantially continuous contact with the perimeter wall.

Claim 2 (Original): The fragrance assembly of claim 1 further comprising a wick having an ignitable end and an absorbent end, wherein the ignitable end extends through a portion of the receptacle.

Claim 3 (Original): The fragrance assembly of claim 2 further comprising a container comprising an opening, the container holding a quantity of fuel, wherein the absorbent end is in contact with the fuel and the receptacle is coupled to the opening.

Claim 4 (Original): The fragrance assembly of claim 3, wherein the receptacle further comprises at least one vent defining an air passage between the container and the surrounding atmosphere.

Claim 5 (Original): The fragrance assembly of claim 2, wherein the absorbent end comprises first and second absorbent ends, and wherein the wick further comprises a midpoint disposed between the first and second absorbent ends, and the ignitable end comprises a loop formed at the midpoint.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The fragrance assembly ~~candle~~ of claim 2, wherein at least a portion of the fragrant polymeric element proximate the ignitable end is positioned below the ignitable end.

Claim 7 (Original): The fragrance assembly of claim 2, wherein the fragrant polymeric element extends circumferentially around the ignitable end.

Claim 8 (Original): The fragrance assembly of claim 1, wherein the receptacle further comprises a second wall and the fragrant polymeric element is disposed between the second wall and the perimeter wall.

Claim 9 (Original): The fragrance assembly of claim 8, wherein a second surface of the fragrant polymeric element is in substantially continuous contact with the second wall.

Claim 10 (Original): The fragrance assembly of claim 1, wherein the polymeric element is friction-fitted within the receptacle.

Claim 11 (Original): The fragrance assembly of claim 1, wherein the receptacle comprises a diathermic material.

Claim 12 (Original): The fragrance assembly of claim 1, wherein the fragrant polymeric element comprises a polypropylene copolymer impregnated with a volatile fragrant medium.

Claim 13 (Original): The fragrance assembly of claim 1 further comprising:
a diathermic cap positioned over the fragrant polymeric element; and
one or more vents defining an air passage between the fragrant polymeric element and the surrounding atmosphere.

Claim 14 (Original): The fragrance assembly of claim 13, wherein a third surface of the fragrant polymeric element is in substantially continuous contact with the diathermic cap.

Claim 15 (Original): The fragrance assembly of claim 1 further comprising a pull-tab integrated within the fragrant polymeric element to permit removal of the fragrant polymeric element from the receptacle.

Claim 16 (Original): The fragrance assembly of claim 1 further comprising a pull-tab disposed within the receptacle beneath the fragrant polymeric element.

Claim 17 (Original): A candle comprising:
a wick having an ignitable end and an absorbent end;
a container holding a quantity of fuel, wherein the absorbent end is in contact with the fuel;
a receptacle comprising at least one perimeter wall, wherein the ignitable end extends through a portion of the receptacle; and
a polymeric element impregnated with a volatile fragrant medium and disposed within the receptacle, wherein at least a first surface of the polymeric element is in substantially continuous contact with the perimeter wall.

Claim 18 (Original): The candle of claim 17, wherein the receptacle further comprises a second wall and wherein the polymeric element is disposed between the perimeter wall and the second wall.

Claim 19 (Original): The candle of claim 18, wherein a second surface of the polymeric element is in substantially continuous contact with the second wall.

Claim 20 (Original): The candle of claim 17, wherein the polymeric element is friction-fitted within the receptacle.

Claim 21 (Original): The candle of claim 17, wherein the receptacle comprises a diathermic material.

Claim 22 (Original): The candle of claim 17, wherein the polymeric element comprises a polypropylene copolymer impregnated with a volatile fragrant medium.

Claim 23 (Original): The candle of claim 17, wherein the wick further comprises a second absorbent end in contact with the fuel and a midpoint disposed between the first and second absorbent ends, and the ignitable end comprises a loop formed at the midpoint.

Claim 24 (Original): The candle of claim 17, wherein at least a portion of the polymeric element proximate the ignitable end is positioned below the ignitable end.

Claim 25 (Original): The candle of claim 17, wherein the polymeric element extends circumferentially around the ignitable end.

Claim 26 (Original): The candle of claim 17, wherein the receptacle further comprises:

a diathermic cap positioned over the polymeric element, wherein the diathermic cap is in substantially continuous contact with the polymeric element; and

one or more vents defining an air passage between the polymeric element and the surrounding atmosphere.

Claim 27 (Original): The candle of claim 17, wherein the receptacle further comprises at least one vent defining an air passage between the container and the surrounding atmosphere.

Claim 28 (Original): The candle of claim 17 further comprising a pull-tab integrated within the polymeric element.

Claim 29 (Original): The candle of claim 17 further comprising a pull-tab disposed within the receptacle beneath the polymeric element.

Claim 30 (Original): A fragrance candle comprising:
a wick having an ignitable end and an absorbent end;
a container holding a quantity of fuel, wherein the absorbent end of the wick is in contact with the fuel;
a diathermic receptacle comprising an exterior perimeter wall and an opposing interior wall, wherein the exterior perimeter wall and the interior wall form a channel, and the ignitable end extends through a portion of the interior wall; and
a polymeric fragrance element disposed within the channel, wherein at least one generally vertical edge surface of the polymeric fragrance element is in contact with at least one wall of the receptacle.

Claim 31 (Original): The fragrance candle of claim 30, wherein the polymeric fragrance element has at least one of an inner portion in substantially continuous contact with the interior wall and an outer portion in substantially continuous contact with the exterior perimeter wall.

Claim 32 (Original): The fragrance candle of claim 30, wherein the polymeric fragrance element comprises a polypropylene copolymer.

Claim 33 (Original): The fragrance candle of claim 30, wherein the polymeric fragrance element is friction-fitted within the channel.

Claim 34 (Currently Amended): The fragrance candle assembly of claim 30 further comprising a pull-tab integrated within the polymeric fragrance element.

Claim 35 (Currently Amended): The fragrance candle assembly of claim 30 further comprising a pull-tab disposed within the receptacle beneath the polymeric fragrance element.

Claim 36 (Original): A method of adding a fragrance material to a liquid candle that includes a receptacle having a perimeter wall, the method comprising:
heating a fragrant thermoplastic material; and
shaping the heated thermoplastic material to the dimensions of the receptacle so as to form a fragrant polymeric element in substantially continuous contact with the perimeter wall when placed in the receptacle.

Claim 37 (Original): The method of claim 36 wherein the step of heating the fragrant thermoplastic material is one of softening the thermoplastic material and melting the thermoplastic material.

Claim 38 (Original): The method of claim 36 wherein the step of shaping the heated thermoplastic material is one of pour molding, injection molding, compression molding, spin welding, ultrasonic welding, vibration welding, hot plate welding, extrusion, stamping and laser cutting.

Claim 39 (Original): The method of claim 36 further comprising:
extending a wick having an ignitable end through a portion of the receptacle,
wherein a portion of the fragrant polymeric element proximate the position of the
ignitable end is below the position of the ignitable end.

Claim 40 (Original): The method of claim 36 further comprising coupling the
receptacle to a fuel container.

Claim 41 (Original): The method of claim 36 further comprising inserting a pull-tab
within the heated thermoplastic material.

Claim 42 (Original): The method of claim 36 further comprising placing a pull-tab
within the receptacle beneath the fragrant polymeric element.